

Council Agenda Item _____



MEETING DATE:

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION #26-0004R, RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THUNDER BAY CHEMICALS LTD FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 160,000 GALLONS OF LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE IN YEAR 2026 FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$267,952.

SUBMITTED BY: Patrick Johnson, Water Plant Supervisor, Public Works & Utilities

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: The council approved purchase of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate from Thunder Bay Chemicals for some previous years including 2025.

BACKGROUND: This resolution will authorize the purchase and delivery of an estimated 160,000 gallons of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate from Thunder Bay Chemicals Ltd for a total of \$267,952, payable from the water plant fund. This chemical is used for water purification at the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant, located at 8130 Congdon Boulevard in Duluth. The estimated 160,000 gallons is based on past need and will vary depending on raw water quality and volume of water treated.

The purchasing division posted a request for bids November 25, 2025, and received three responses as indicated below. Thunder Bay Chemicals submitted the lowest responsive bid.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price per Gallon</u>
Thunder Bay Chemicals	\$1.6747
C&S Chemicals	\$1.90
Chemtrade Chemicals	\$2.0520

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: This purchase is budgeted for and paid from 510-500-1955-5216-04 (Water Fund, Public Works and Utilities, Water Treatment and Pumping, Chemicals, Liquid Aluminum Sulfate).

OPTIONS: Approve

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve award of contract

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – Cover memo and Exhibit B – Bid Summary